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SUBJECT: NIGERIA'S COMMISSIONER GARBA WORRIES ABOUT  
US ENERGY POLICY

1. NIGERIA'S COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BRIG.  
JOSEPH GARBA DROPPED BY TO SEE ME LATE JUNE 22. AFTER  
A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN AFRICA HE ASKED  
FOR A PRIVATE WORD WITH ME. HE SAID HE AND OBASANJO  
HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NIGERIA NEEDS TO PROJECT A STRONGER,  
MORE INDEPENDENT VOICE IN AFRICA. THEY BELIEVE  
THAT ONLY BY CALLING THE SHOTS AS THEY SEE THEM WILL  
NIGERIA BE ABLE TO EXERT A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE ON  
AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. HE SAID THEY ARE WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIBYANS  
AND OTHER ARABS MIGHT "PLAY GAMES" WITH THE FLOW OF  
OIL, MANIPULATING PRODUCTION AND PRICES TO USE THEIR  
OIL AGAINST NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POSITION.  
GARBA SAID NIGERIA NEEDS SOME ASSURANCES THAT THE US  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DEPENDABLE CONSUMER OF  
NIGERIAN OIL AND WILL BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE

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NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN CONTINUING SUPPORT OF NIGERIA'S  
AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.  
HE ASKED A NUMBER OF GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIKELY  
IMPACT ON US POLICY IN THIS REGARD OF THE  
ENERGY PACKAGE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN  
WASHINGTON.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT I DID NOT THINK THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS FORESEEABLE IN THE US POSITION AS A CUSTOMER OF NIGERIA'S OIL I SPECULATED THAT BOTH THE US AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE LIKELY TO BE ENCOURAGED BY NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE PRE-DISPOSED TO WORK WITH NIGERIA AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE RADICAL ARAB REPRISAL. I POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE US MARKET IS MANAGED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY, SO THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY CANNOT OFFER ABSOLUTE GUARANTEES INTO THE FUTURE. NONETHELESS THE EXPANSION GOALS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD SEEM TO PROJECT CONTINUED GROWTH IN ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND AN ONGOING REQUIREMENT FOR NIGERIAN OIL. YOUNG

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